

I strongly support Alvarez's proposal that *Atrypa laevis* be designated the type species of *Meristella*, as it has for very many years been the basis of the concept of *Meristella*. The original type species by monotypy, *Atrypa naviformis* Hall, 1843, is very poorly known. I write as one who has used *Meristella* in his work for many years and who was the senior author for the section on retrospiroides, including *Meristella*, in the first edition of the *Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology*; I confirm that *M. laevis* was what we had in mind when describing *Meristella*.

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I have read with interest Alvarez's application, and regard it as sound and worthy of support.

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I am writing to express support for Alvarez's application; this will provide stability to what has been an accepted situation for a long time, particularly since the publication of the 1965 *Treatise* volume.

**Comment on the proposed conservation of the specific name of *Hemidactylus garnotti* Duméril & Bibron, 1836 (Reptilia, Squamata)**

(Case 2960: see BZN 53: 184–186)

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I am in full support of the application to conserve the specific name of *Hemidactylus garnotti* Duméril & Bibron, 1836 by suppressing the specific name of *H. peruvianus* Wiegmann, 1835.

The name *garnotti* has been repeatedly used in most, if not all, relevant publications, including several taxonomic and genetic papers published subsequent to Bauer & Henle (1994) (para. 6 of the application). Among these are Ota, Lau & Bogadek (1995) and Ota et al. (1996).

Adoption of the name *H. peruvianus* would be seriously confusing, not only to systematists but also to geneticists dealing with this clonal gecko. I believe that, in consideration of the stability of nomenclature, an exception to priority is warranted under Article 79c of the Code.